

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 146

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

AGRICULTURE/FOREST COMR. Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to establish regulations regarding exotic cervidae. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part I of Chapter 19-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:3101, 3102(A) and 3104, relative to regulation of farm-raised exotic animals; to authorize the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of exotic cervidae for commercial purposes; to require a license; to provide relative to fencing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The heading of Part I of Chapter 19-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:3101, 3102(A) and 3104 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

PART I. IMPORTED EXOTIC DEER AND ANTELOPE,  
ELK, AND FARM-RAISED WHITE TAIL DEER AND OTHER EXOTIC  
CERVIDAE

§3101. Administration; enforcement

The commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or his designee, shall administer and enforce this Part. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations

1 setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of imported  
2 exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and other exotic  
3 cervidae for commercial purposes in this state. All rules and regulations shall be  
4 adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

5 §3102. Imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and  
6 other exotic cervidae; licensing

7 A. Whoever desires to engage in raising, selling, or raising and selling  
8 imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, ~~and~~ farm-raised white tail deer and other  
9 exotic cervidae, for commercial purposes, on breeding farms or propagating  
10 preserves of which he is the owner or lessee shall apply to the commissioner for a  
11 license to do so.

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13 §3104. Fencing requirements

14 Any farm or preserve used for breeding of imported exotic deer, elk, and  
15 antelope pursuant to this Part shall be surrounded by a fence of a height of not less  
16 than seven feet of wire or other material of a pattern to be approved by the  
17 commissioner. The fencing requirements for farm-raised white tail deer and other  
18 exotic cervidae shall be specified pursuant to rule and regulation by the  
19 commissioner.

20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
21 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
22 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
23 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
24 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, and farm-raised white tail deer for commercial purposes.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations for other exotic cervidae.

Present law requires persons who raise or sell imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, and farm-raised white tail deer, for commercial purposes, on breeding farms or propagating preserves of which he is the owner or lessee to apply for a license.

Proposed law retains present law but further requires persons who raise or sell other exotic cervidae to apply for a license.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations regarding fencing requirements for exotic cervidae.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:3101, 3102(A) and 3104)